Alberta Treasury
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16 TO OCTOBER 20, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Consumer Price Index	September			
Alberta	119.1	0.7%	3.7%	Alberta's CPI rose by 0.7% from August, the second highest monthly increase among provinces behind Nova Scotia (0.9%). The CPI for Canada increased 0.4% in September, and 2.7% from the same month in 1999 due to higher energy prices. The energy sub-index increased 4.3% in September from August. The core rate of inflation (excluding food and energy) increased by only 0.2% in September and 1.3% over the same month last year.
Canada	114.4	0.4%	2.7%	
Consumer Price Index	September			
United States	173.7	0.5%	3.5%	The United States CPI increased 0.5% in September from August, and was up 3.5% from September 1999. Energy prices increased 3.8% in September after declining 2.9% in August. Excluding food and energy, the CPI increased 0.3% in September from August, and 2.6% from September 1999.
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	August			
Alberta	3,049	-5.4%	12.3%	In August, Alberta wholesale trade decreased by 5.4%, the largest decrease among provinces. The decline in Alberta is due to weaker sales in food, industrial and chemical products. National wholesale trade saw a decrease of 0.8%.
Canada	32,013	-0.8%	5.6%	
Manufacturing Shipments ($millions)	August			
Alberta	3,508	1.7%	16.8%	On a month-over-month basis, manufacturing shipments increased 1.7% in Alberta, the fourth largest increase among provinces behind Nova Scotia (9.5%), Prince Edward Island (7.1%) Quebec (4.5%) and Saskatchewan (3.5%). Nationally, manufacturing shipments rose 2.0%. This rise was led by increased demand for high-tech products from the electrical and electronic products industry.
Canada	45,372	2.0%	8.0%	